

## **April 7, 2008 - Special Town Council Meeting**

**At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown, RI, held at the Middletown Town Hall on Monday, April 7, 2008 at 6:00 P.M.**

**Council President Paul M. Rodrigues, Presiding**

**Councillor Barbara A. Barrow**

**Councillor Louis P. DiPalma**

**Councillor M. Theresa Santos**

**Councillor Edward J. Silveira, Jr.**

**Councillor Robert J. Sylvia, Members Present**

**Vice Chair Shirley R. Mello, Absent**

**POSTED – April 3, 2008**

**Wendy J.W. Marshall, Town Clerk**

**Town of Middletown**

**Town Hall – 350 East Main Road**

**Middletown, Rhode Island 02842**

**Dear Mrs. Marshall:**

**Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 203 of the Town Charter and in accordance with Sections 42-46-2., 42-46-4. and 42-46-6., RIGL, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Town Council to formally consider, discuss and act upon the following item of business:**

**Presentation by Middletown Beach Commission – Review of Capital Improvements and matters related there to**

**Said meeting will be held on Monday, April 7, 2008, at 6:00 P.M. at the Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842.**

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**Paul M. Rodrigues, President**

**Middletown Town Council**

**CC:**

**Town Council**

**Public Works**

**Town Administrator**

**Finance Director**

**Town Solicitor**

**Town Engineer**

**Public Library**

**Town Planner**

**This meeting location is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requiring interpreter services for the hearing-impaired should notify the Town Clerk's Office at 847-0009 not less than 48 hours before the meeting.**

**On motion of Councillor Santos, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said communication and open said meeting.**

## **Presentation by Middletown Beach Commission – Review of Capital Improvements and matters related there to**

**Present representing the Middletown Beach Commission were Rian Wilkinson, Chair and members John S. Crimmins and Bill Seiple. Also present were Public Works Director Tom O'Loughlin, Recreation Director Tim Shaw and Town Engineer Warren Hall.**

### **Beach Building**

**Rian Wilkinson, Chair, Middletown Beach Commission, addressed the Council noting several problems presently and in the past pertaining to the building at Sachuest Beach. Currently, there have been minor repairs/improvements done to the building including but not limited to the restrooms which are now acceptable however not adequate and the roof. Mr. Wilkinson recommends that the committee keep continuing plans for a new building.**

**Bill Seiple, Member, Middletown Beach Committee addressed the Council reviewing the day-to-day functions performed at the beach building. Mr. Seiple noted there are many upgrades that are needed at the beach building. The lifeguard room only holds (15) fifteen people and currently there are (30) thirty lifeguards on a daily basis, there is only one shower in the lifeguard room that is not equipped for co-ed use. Other areas of concern include only one first aid room which is also used as a lunch room, only one employee restroom, public restrooms are not adequate for the amount of use, no area for staff to sign in and out, no place to meet with staff, and there is not enough room at the concession area for the public.**

**Discussion centered around potential funding sources for a new building at Sachuest beach and if a bond question should be placed on the ballot for replacement of the facility.**

**It was the consensus to stay away from commercialization in the beach area. Also, mentioned was that a bond question (for a new facility) may be ready for the November 2010 election ballot.**

## **Boat Ramp**

**Rian Wilkinson, Chair, Middletown Beach Committee, noted that moving the current boat ramp is for safety of the public and ecology of Third Beach.**

**John Crimmins, Member, Middletown Beach Committee, addressed the Council noting that currently the boat ramp is placed in a poor area. The committee proposed to move the ramp to the opposite end of Third Beach. The new area has a natural channel for boats to move in and out of the waterway. Presently, the committee is reviewing the products that will be used to create the new boat ramp.**

**Town Engineer Warren Hall noted that the existing boat ramp has been surveyed. The proposed area for the boat ramp has better depth of water and no eelgrass to cause concern.**

**On motion of Councillor Santos, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 6:56 P.M.**

**Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC**

**Council Clerk**